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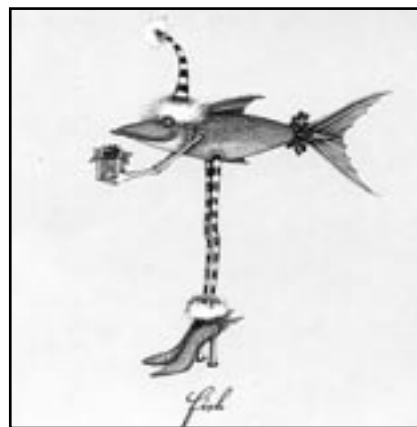
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The New Bedford Youth Ballet will present the Mini-Nutcracker at the Alves Theater for two weekends in December. The Nutcracker is a timeless tale filled with action and drama. This ballet is a shortened, narrated version performed in a small theater, making it ideal for young children and adults alike. Bring your entire family along on a magical journey to a land of wonder and joy!

The New Bedford Youth Ballet includes dancers from Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Mattapoisett, Marion, New Bedford and Westport, MA and Little Compton, RI. The mission of the Youth Ballet is to bring the art of dance into the community. The Youth Ballet is sponsored by the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization that sponsors educational programs, dance scholarships, and other dance-related projects.

The Alves Theater is located at 430 County Street in New Bedford. Show times are Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm; Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm; Friday, December 16 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm; and Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10



Above: Students in the Rochester Memorial School Chorus performed several holiday classics during the town's annual Christmas Tree Lighting held on Monday, December 5 at the Rochester Town Hall. The annual event included a visit from Santa Claus, a performance from the Rochester Memorial School Band, and cookies, cider, egg nog, and other seasonal treats. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

On the cover: Sasha Nochimow of Marion will portray "Clara" in the New Bedford Ballet's production of the Mini Nutcracker to be staged in the Alves Theater, 430 County Street in New Bedford, on Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm; Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm; Friday, December 16 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm; and Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, seniors and students. All proceeds will benefit the New Bedford Ballet Foundation. (Photo courtesy of Lucy Iannotti).

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In addition to the Youth Ballet, the New Bedford Ballet School offers classes for dancers and aspiring dancers of all ages, from ages 3 to adult. Enrollment is open and new students are welcome to join anytime. Tuition starts at \$36 per month. A limited number of scholarships are available through the New Bedford Ballet Foundation. For information about the Mini-Nutcracker, the Youth Ballet or the Ballet School, please call 508-993-1387 or visit www.newbedfordballet.com.

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Left: Lorinda Callahan and Jane Barker prepare wreaths and other Christmas decorations for the Marion Garden Discussion Group's Christmas Boutique to be held on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm in the library of Saint Gabriel's Church in Marion.

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"Deck the Halls"

Marion Garden Group Prepares for Boutique

Members of the Marion Garden Discussion Group recently held their annual wreath assembly at the Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 VFW Hall in Marion. More than 50 members decorated and delivered over 170 wreaths this year.

"We have a cap at 157, but had a last-minute rush," said Kitsy Howard, who coordinated this massive annual fund-raising project along with Sylvia Strand. "Fortunately, we have extra materials so we were able to accommodate everyone."

The Garden Club will hold their annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm in the library of Saint Gabriel's Church in Marion. The shop will feature natural items handmade by the club members. The boutique is a stop on the Sippican Women's Club's Holiday House Tour.

Co-Chairman Lissa Magauran and Carol Cudahy have been working together to coordinate workshops the members use to create the many unique and beautiful items sold at the boutique.

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"The Christmas Boutique is a stop on the Sippican Women's Club's Holiday House Tour," added Ms. Cudahy. "Many people traditionally wait to buy that special Christmas decoration or swag for their door at our boutique."

Proceeds from this annual sale are used for the beautification of Marion and the continued planting and maintenance of the window boxes in the village.

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City's First Night Seeks Volunteers

The New Bedford First Night committee is counting the days until New Year's Eve and the big push for volunteers is under way. Volunteers are much-needed throughout the evening.

"It's a great way to be involved in a community event and also have fun being part of a wonderful celebration," said Susan Grace, this year's First Night President. "We really depend on volunteer support to help accomplish all that needs to be done to make First Night run as smoothly as possible. We have a great committee of dedicated volunteers who throughout the year help plan our fundraisers and meet to work on organizing First Night. Without the help of such a committed and energetic committee First Night would not happen." The First Night New Bedford committee consists of Susan Grace, Julie Lariviere, Carl Soares and Maria Ortiz, John and Pat Ford, Dave Antunes, Rick Mitchell, Tammy DeBarros, Susan Encarnacao, Steve Furtado and Chuck Dade.

Volunteers will each be given shifts of a few hours on New Year's Eve to help check for buttons at venue sites, assist at Custom House Square and perform various other necessary tasks.

"It takes a lot of volunteers to help out on the evening of First Night," said Julie Lariviere, Vice-President of New Bedford First Night 2006. "Although we're just asking for a few hours of volunteering — it really helps tremendously. And volunteers will have fun, meet people, plus they will receive a complimentary First Night button as a thank you to enjoy the rest of the celebration."

To sign up to volunteer, please contact Susan Grace at 508-993-1999.

First Night New Bedford is the fourth oldest First Night celebration in the nation and this year is celebrating its 19th anniversary. It is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council but primarily it is supported each year by fund-raising events, sales of attendance buttons, contributions from community-minded businesses and volunteer participation. First Night New Bedford depends on this support for its success.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting
December 6, 2005

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Stephen J. Lombard. Also present were Selectman Raymond H. Andrews, Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.



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After signing the necessary bills and vouchers, the board approved the minutes of the November 22 meeting. In addition, they voted to accept the resignation of Deborah Thackeray of 32 Fairhaven Road as a member of the Council on Aging (COA). They also voted to approve a fee of \$1,000 for clearing of land for the MET Tower at Old Rochester Regional High School to gauge wind speed for the future installation of a wind turbine at the school. This was a split cost among the three towns.

Finally, they voted to appoint Francis Gordon and Bob Cattley as "Owner Project Managers" under MGL Chapter 149, Section 44A for the Library Construction Project. The board was pleased that they would not have to go outside the town for this and would anticipate a better job as a result.

At 6:00 pm the board met with Mr. And Ms. Arthur Potter to accept a flag sent to the Town of Mattapoisett from their son, Caleb, who is serving in Iraq with the United States Marine Second Combat Division. The flag has flown during combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom. A certificate signed by the commanding officers of the division accompanied Caleb Potter's very moving declaration. The Board of Selectmen were so honored by this gift, that they presented a proclamation to Mr. And Ms. Potter that the flag will be flown next to Town Hall on Veterans' Day and each Veterans' Day thereafter. When not being flown, it will be displayed in Town Hall in a special case. The board thanked the Potters profusely for this high honor.

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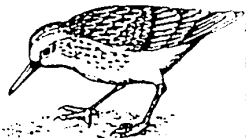
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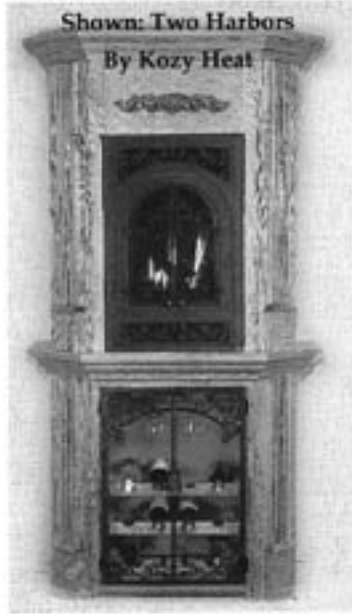


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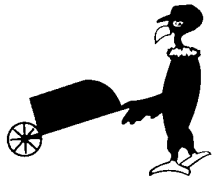
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At 6:10 pm, the board began to interview separately each of three candidates for appointment to the Capital Planning Committee. First to be interviewed was John DeCosta Jr. After outlining his background in town service and knowledge of construction, Mr. DeCosta answered the questions of the board concerning his insight into the needs of the town, ability to work with a committee but independent of the wishes of various town boards and committees, and to accept that some townspeople might not be happy with the recommendations. Also important was the ability to commit to 60 days of intense concentration in order to be able to come before the Finance Committee (FinCom) and Board of Selectmen with priorities for presentation to Town Meeting.

At 6:15 pm, the board interviewed Daniel Goodman who outlined his service to the town and background in finance and business. After addressing the same concerns by the board, Mr. Goodman assured them that he had the time to commit to the schedule since his job is flexible. He sees as present needs the Fire Station and town roads.

At 6:20 pm, the board met with third candidate Jack McGill whose background in town service is extensive including 15 years on the Board of Appeals, seven years on the Center School Building Committee, and currently on the Fire Station Building Committee. His primary concern is with public safety needs. He would have no problem with the commitment of time necessary

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to serve on the committee either before Town Meeting or during the budget planning process.

Mr. Botelho next gave an update on the Fire Station Design Selection Committee that money has been appropriated for preliminary designs but not to begin construction.

After thanking all the candidates, the board noted all three were well-qualified to serve and that it was difficult to choose only one. There was some disagreement about the choice, but they decided unanimously to appoint John DeCosta Jr. to the Capital Planning Committee.

Under notes and announcements for the week, the board noted:

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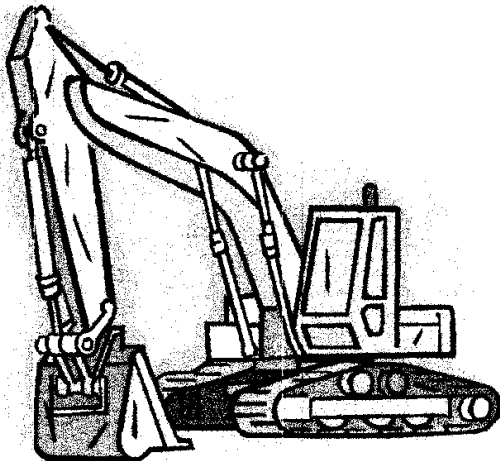


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- The Town of Mattapoisett and the Mattapoisett Lion's Club will be sponsoring their second annual "Holiday in the Park" on Saturday, December 10 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at Shipyard Park. Mr. and Ms. Santa Claus and their friends will be visiting the park, and we will be collecting gifts to help the needy children of Mattapoisett on that day. Please be sure to join in all the fun and festivities.

- New winter transfer station hours are now in effect. The landfill will be open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursdays and Fridays, and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturdays.

- They received correspondence from Water/Sewer Superintendent William "Nick" Nicholson to inform the residents of the town that the Water Department will be conducting Fire Hydrant Flow Tests as part of the Mattapoisett Library expansion on Thursday, December 8. The flow test will begin at 12:30 pm in the center of town near Church Street and Barstow Street. Town residents may have discolored water during the period of these tests into the evening hours.



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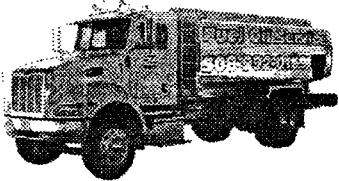
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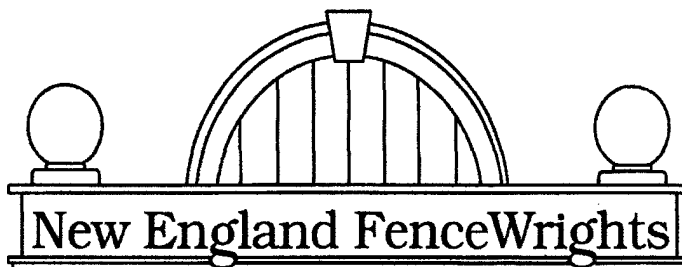
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Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho reported on the status of the cable company negotiations. In addition he met with the Library Construction Conference on November 28. The original work plan of the Mattapoisett Neck Restoration Project fell short. The downside is that the Water Department will have to proceed. Next, the actual owner of the ORR High School site for the MET tower is UMass Dartmouth. The project is therefore not subject to town oversight. Finally, the Board of Assessors are working on a problem with the state-provided software. After January, the Assessors will not be using this system.

Under correspondence, the board received:

- Letter of resignation from the Deborah Thackeray, who is stepping down from the Council on Aging (COA) Board of Directors.
- Owner's and Manager Guidelines from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Letters from the Water/Sewer Department concerning Fire Hydrant Flow Tests.

Lastly, Selectman Andrews gave an update on the progress of Center School and the some of the unfinished subcontractor business. He felt that they are moving ahead in a timely fashion and the problems will be resolved soon.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:20 pm.



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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 6, 2005

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:03 pm by Chairman Jonathan Henry. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Jack Dolan, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first approved the minutes of the November 15 meeting and then met with Police Chief Lincoln Miller to recommend the appointment of Edward Johnson as a Special Police Officer with the Marion Police Department. Mr. Johnson is currently a full-time dispatcher with the Falmouth Police Department and has com-



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My other cat has always vomited 3-4 times a week. She vomits, food sometimes and just yellow frothy bile at others. Occasionally there is a clump of hair in the vomit. She seems healthy and happy otherwise. What can I do to help her?

This may be more difficult to manage. Cats with this pattern of vomiting may have a number of problems. Two of the more common are a bacterial infection in the stomach caused by Helicobacter felis or a condition called inflammatory bowel disease. Try changing your cats diet to a different kind of food. Often the use of a premium cat food will help. If 2-3 diet changes over a couple of months is not helpful then discuss the problem with your veterinarian.

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pleted all the necessary training for the Marion position.

With that, the board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Johnson as a Special Police Officer upon Chief Miller's recommendation.

The board agreed to hold approval of the remaining 2006 license renewals until Wednesday, December 15 when they meet prior to the Annual Holiday Party at the Marion Music Hall.

Harbormaster Michael H. Cormier next submitted a recommended change in the town's Island Wharf and Old Landing Boat Berths Rules and Regulations, to wit: if the Harbormaster or his designee determines that a vessel is not in seaworthy condition due to lack of bailing, the Harbormaster or his designee may pump out the vessel and the owner will be assessed a fee of \$10 per pump-out at the end of the boating season.

Selectman Jeffrey questioned whether the \$10 fee was adequate to cover the Harbormaster's Office additional workload.

"Basically, we've got a situation where we've had heavy rainfall," Mr. Cormier said. "If I call out a couple of (assistants) at \$10 an hour, the (\$10) fee will more than cover our expenses."

With that, the board unanimously voted to approve the changes as recommended.

The board also approved changes in the town's Waterways Regulations as proposed by Mr. Cormier with regard to the placement of moorings and inspection pro-



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In other matters, the board authorized Mr. Dolan to enter into an agreement with a Fire Consultant to look into the purchase of a new ladder apparatus and the need for expansion to the town's central Fire Department, with Selectman Henry abstaining.

At 7:25 pm the board met with members of the Board of Health (BOH) to discuss their clerical assistant's position. According to BOH Chairman Samuel W. McFadden, his board has employed a full-time clerk since 1998. When their longtime Administrative Assistant, Lisa D. Perry, recently went out on sick leave, Town Administrator Jack Dolan posted a new joint full-time clerical position to serve both the Board of Health and the Planning Board.

The new 39-hour-a-week posting seeking a "Senior Clerk/Bookkeeper for the Planning Board and Board of Health" would be paid \$15.15 an hour and would be under Mr. Dolan's direct supervision as part of the Marion Town House's reorganized "Administrative Services" umbrella.

"This decision was made without input from the Board of Health, or its consent," Mr. McFadden said. "We strenuously object to the Town Administrator's action, both on grounds of legality and policy."

"The people (of Marion) voted to fund a full-time clerk for the Board of Health in 1998," added board member Elizabeth S. Dunn.

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"To call (Ms. Perry) a secretary, is doing her a grave injustice," said board member Albin R. Johnson. "She is integral to helping us doing our job (as the Board of Health)."

"I would like the public to know that no one dropped a bomb on the Board of Selectmen about this reorganization ... we've known about it for some time," Chairman Henry said. "(Mr. Dolan) has the necessary authority as far as the Board of Selectmen are concerned to hire (Town House personnel) as needed. For reasons of management and reasons of efficiency, most of the Town House employees were consolidated under Administrative Services. We thought Mr. Dolan's plan was reasonable and doable ... in making better use of resources without

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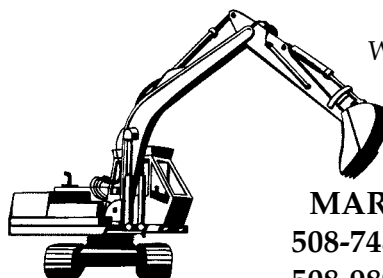
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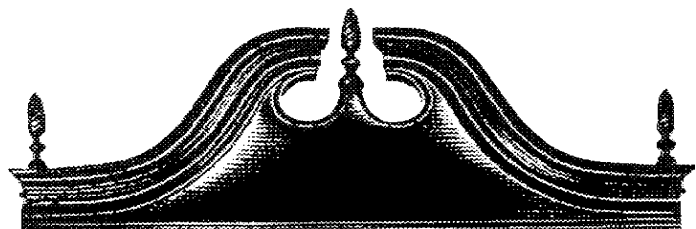


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It was noted that former Board of Health Clerk Lisa Perry has applied for the joint position as posted.

"I'm frankly astonished at the amount of disinformation and misinformation being presented here tonight," Mr. Dolan said. "I did not seek the consent of the Board of Health, and did not need to, but I certainly did consult with Board of Health Chairman (Dr. McFadden). This position is under my direct supervision. I've seen for some time that there's been a disparity in the division of work being done at the Town House. I also want to correct what's happening here. It's not one person covering two boards. It's one-and-a-half persons covering two previous full-time positions. I have the opportunity to view the work that's being done during Town House business hours and I'm thoroughly convinced that one-and-a-half staff persons can cover the workload without any problem."

For example, Mr. Dolan added that he is recommending the medical screenings which are frequently conducted in the Marion Town House under the purview of the Board of Health be moved to the existing Planning Board offices so as to provide residents with greater privacy during these sessions.

"Frankly, I'm in a better position to see what work is done in (the Marion Town House) during the day than the Board of Health," Mr. Dolan said. "I believe this is in the best interest of the town and I stand by my position."

"When this was (first) proposed to us, it was done professionally and there was a lot of time and effort put into it," Selectman Jeffrey agreed. "When you take 52 weeks (out of the year), I'm sure 40 hours is not needed (every week)."

"Why were we not consulted when you were first approached?" asked Ms. Dunn.

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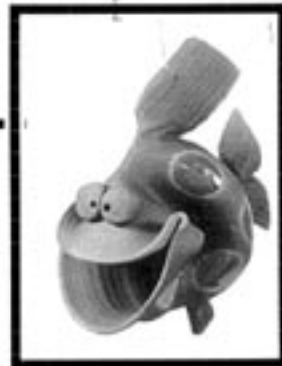
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"We feel the real losers in this are going to be the townspeople," Chairman McFadden added. "We are not going to be able to provide the same services as professionally and timely as we have been. We're here to protect the health of the townsfolk and make sure that everything runs smoothly."

"I just resent the implication that I would do anything to jeopardize the health of the people of Marion," Mr. Dolan said. "I see what happens here on a daily basis and, again, I have to go with my best judgment."

In addition to the full-time shared clerical position, Mr. Dolan added he plans to hire a part-time position to assist with both boards and, eventually, hire a part-time Town Planner to assist solely with the Planning Board. "If one factors that into the equation, too, the time element would actually exceed what is currently allocated to the two boards," he said.

Although asked, the Board of Selectmen declined to take any vote reaffirming Mr. Dolan's decision, since the recommended change was clearly under the purview of the Town Administrator's authority and job description.

Members of the Planning Board then requested to be heard on this issue, after submitting a similar letter opposing the consolidation.

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transcription of past and current meeting minutes," said Planning Board Chairman Peter F. Winters. "The implication is it's a 50/50 split, and that's not the case."

"We do have a temporary assistant for the Board of Health and we have asked someone to come in and do the minutes for the meetings," Mr. Dolan said. "I didn't want to make a decision that would have long-term implications for the town based on backlog ... but we can hire temporary help to assist (as needed)."

"We have incredibly competent individuals working in the Marion Town House — they're not secretaries, regardless of what the union calls them," said Planning Board Vice Chairman Thomas R. Magauran. "We certainly feel we should be consulted in these matters. It sounds to



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me like we're all thinking about this as a clerical role, and it is hardly a clerical role. I can't emphasize enough that there wasn't a process in place that all brought us together. I just fear that we're putting the town further at risk."

"I'm looking at finding the best resources for the town," Mr. Dolan countered. "The titles are supplied by the union. We have an opportunity here to consolidate two positions here into one-and-a-half, and then hire a part-time Town Planner."

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 5, 2005

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 5 at 7:15 pm by Chairman Gary Laboa after the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting festivities held outside Town Hall. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 21 and November 28 meetings, the board met with the members of the Soil Board, who also convened to consider appointing Cheryl Forand and Carolyn Gilmore as Associate Members to their ranks. The joint boards thereby unanimously voted to appoint both Ms. Forand and Ms. Gilmore as Associate Members to the Soil Board with terms to expire April 30, 2006.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon advised they've checked into extended hours for

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"I thought it was before noon on Sundays," Chairman Laboa said, noting the recent notice sent out by the ABCC was vague.

Mr. Huntoon also advised the board that the town has received a check for \$1,028 which represents half of the money seized in a drug bust in March 2005 in which the Rochester Police Department assisted. "The interesting thing about forfeiture money is it's completely under the control of the Chief of Police," Mr. Huntoon said. "It has to be used for drug-related (police) enforcement."

In other matters, Mr. Huntoon advised he received a letter from the attorney representing residents of the Snobs Pond Road neighborhood requesting the Board of Selectmen's opinion of the proposed YMCA property in town.

"I'm not going to do that," Mr. Huntoon said. "We don't have an issue ... there's nothing that's come before us. They're trying to drag us into (the situation). They wanted to know if we have any contentions or objections to (the project)."

Chairman Laboa concurred, adding the YMCA has yet to petition the Board of Selectmen for any use of the property in question.

Lastly, Mr. Huntoon said he received bids for installing a new water filtration system at Rochester Me-

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The board said they would consult with the Finance Committee (FinCom) about funding options for the water filtration system.

The board also noted the planned Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting slated for Thursday, December 8 at ORR High School has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held after the holidays.

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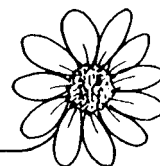
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High School advising that the Old Colony Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) received its sixth national Outstanding Project Award and is the only chapter to earn this distinction six times. Both Superintendent-Director David J. Ferreira and Old Colony School Committee Chairman Vincent Ryan signed the letter praising the students' continued achievements.

The board agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Old Colony on their consistent success.

At 7:33 pm the board met with resident Antonio Sol to discuss a water drainage issue in front of his Cushman Road home. Mr. Sol had requested that Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge be present, but Mr. Eldridge was unable to attend.

According to Mr. Sol, water from Cushman Road keeps draining onto his property.

"My wife has to put her boots on everyday to go get my mail," Mr. Sol said. "Why isn't (Mr. Eldridge) here? I asked that he be present."

Mr. Sol was again informed that Mr. Eldridge had prior commitments.

"We had a big storm where everything was getting flooded out," Selectman Nunes explained. "Mr. Sol informed me of the problem. I informed (Highway Surveyor) Jeff Eldridge that Mr. Sol contacted me about water flooding his property. Mr. Eldridge said he had no problem fixing it as long as Mr. Sol didn't stand over him (while he did the work). So, Mr. Huntoon drew up an

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agreement to that effect, (but) Mr. Sol was not interested in signing the agreement."

Mr. Sol said he didn't want to discuss the matter without Mr. Eldridge present and he abruptly left the meeting. He also denied having seen the proposed agreement Selectman Nunes referenced.

"We're not going to do any work on (private) property unless we have a written agreement in place," Chairman Laboa said.

"I don't have any problem with the way this has been handled," Selectman Morse agreed.

Upon returning, Mr. Sol demanded that his objections be included in the meeting minutes and then requested he be given a copy of said minutes before leaving.

"I want a copy of the minutes handed to me tonight, right now," Mr. Sol said. "I want those tonight ... even if they're written in free-hand ... Chinese, Japanese, whatever."

The board noted that under state law, they are not required to release the minutes of a meeting until they have been formally approved. Mr. Sol can, however, make a written request under the Freedom of Information Act and they are required to respond within ten days.

In general, the meeting minutes are approved at the board's next meeting and are subsequently available for public release.

Upon being denied an immediate copy of the minutes, Mr. Sol asked that this fact be included in *The Wanderer's* press coverage. To wit: Mr. Sol was denied a copy of the handwritten, unapproved minutes of the December 5 Rochester Board of Selectmen's meeting.

There being no further points to argue, the board unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:57 pm.

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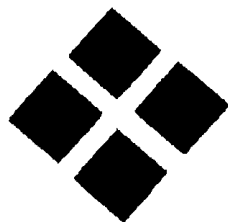
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• **Knitting at the Y:** Come along with your knitting, crocheting, or other needlework and meet people with similar interests. Instruction will come from the participants exchanging ideas and sharing techniques. Contact Joan Stopka at Member Services in Gleason Family YMCA, Wareham for more information. Sessions will be held on Friday 11:00 am to 12:00 noon and are free to members (General Public pays \$2).

• **Movie Mania:** For ages 2 years and up, the group will watch children's movies from years ago along with the latest releases, like *Bambi*, *Mary Poppins*, *Ice Age*, *Pete's Dragon*, and *Monsters Inc.* And we can't watch a movie without popcorn and refreshments. Movies are shown Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Fee is \$20 for members and \$35 for general public.

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• **Teaching About Giving:** The season of giving is upon us, and the time is right to teach your children what charity means. According to Jo-Ann Watson, Marketing and Development Director at the Gleason Family YMCA, "Charity doesn't start with helping strangers. As cliché as it sounds, it really begins at home.

"Before children can do good in their communities, they need to understand what charity is," Ms. Watson said. She explained that the easiest way for young children to understand charity is to see it in action among family members.

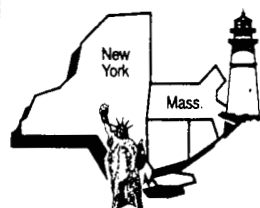
For example, if a grandparent isn't feeling well, suggest that your child make a get-well card. If one child has a difficult day at school, invite the others to help you bake a treat for him or her. This helps a child become more sensitive to the needs and feelings of other people.

Ms. Watson also recommended a holiday "caring" project that teaches the importance of nurturing living things and helps children recognize people who care for them. Have your child plant seeds in two pots, then

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When children get a little older, they can participate in organized activities at home or with an outside group. For example:

- * Invite them to collect unused clothing or personal care items for a homeless shelter;

- * Each season, ask them to select two of their own toys, books, or pieces of clothing to donate to a child care

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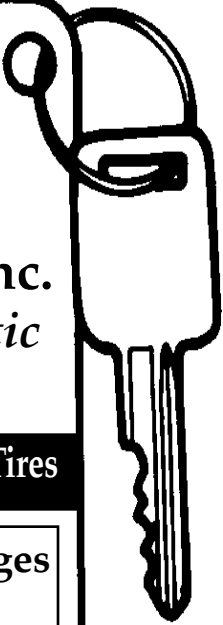
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He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joanne Gibbons Deery of Mattapoisett; five children, Shawna Deery Barrett of Fairfield, CT, John Andrew Deery III of New Canaan, CT, Sean Adam Deery of Mattapoisett, Dr. Eliza Deery of Gilford, NH, Tristram Gibbons Deery of New York, NY; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; 14 grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Phinizy of California. He is predeceased by his sisters Eleanor Deery, Elizabeth Boulger, and Grace Shea.

His funeral mass will be held on Saturday, December 10, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 85 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead, at 11:00 am. Interment will be private. Arrangements by Stott, Chapman, Cole and Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, 508-295-0060.

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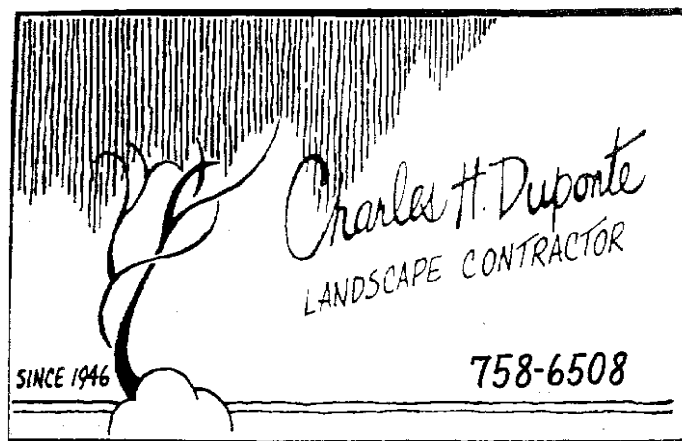
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The Tri-Town Business Association will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at the Fellowship Hall located behind the First Congregational Church in Rochester. This holiday meeting will give members and guests the chance to meet and socialize with other business owners who live or work in the tri-town area. The Jazz Combo, from Old Rochester Regional High School, will provide holiday music and members and guests are asked to bring a toy, game or gift certificate to be donated to a local homeless shelter. All are welcome to

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The Tri-Town Business Association is a non-profit organization which brings together individual businesses, schools and residents of the tri-town area, giving them the opportunity to meet with each other and foster economic growth as well as enhance the educational communities of the tri-towns.

For more information, please contact Pat Shea at 508-748-2689 or Bev Pierce at 508-763-5503, or just show up.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club will hold their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. Punch and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 pm followed by a delicious dinner catered by Riccardi's at 6:45 pm. The menu will be baked stuffed chicken breast with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, garden vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, crusty rolls and butter, assorted pastries, coffee and punch.

After dinner the group will hear Michelle Gordon on the piano and listen to the lovely singing voice of Jamie Bonney. Bette Roberts will complete the entertainment with some of her delightful stories. Everyone is invited to come as they hope to make this a Community Christmas Party and a way to meet your neighbors. The price of the dinner is \$12.50 per person and there will also



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Marion Recreation Skating

Following is the schedule for Marion Recreation Family Time Ice Skating at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink. Skating is open from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the rink at a cost of \$3 per person on the following dates: Sunday, December 11; Sunday, December 18; Friday, December 23 (12:00 noon to 1:45 pm); Tuesday, December 27; Thursday, December 29; Sunday, January 8; Sunday, January 15; Sunday, January 22; Sunday, January 29; Sunday, February 5; Sunday, February 12; Sunday, February 19; Tuesday,



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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) is located in Rooms C-130 and C-140 at Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance and parking is across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The Center is open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and the phone number is 508-758-4110.

- Friday, December 9 – Shaw's Trip 8:30 am;

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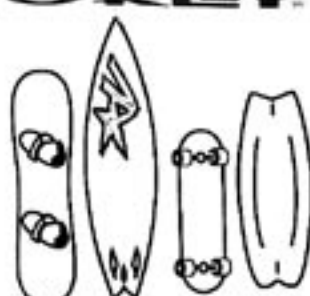
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- Sunday, December 11 – Trip to Providence Bruins, leave the COA at 2:30 pm (please call the COA at 508-758-4110 to reserve a spot and for ticket info);

- Monday, December 12 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; SHINE Counselor 9:30 am; Garden Club 10:00 am; Fairhaven Marts 1:00 pm; Scrabble 1:00 pm;

- Tuesday, December 13 – Stop and Shop/Marts 8:30 am; Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Handwork Group 10:00 am; Weight Training 2:00 pm;

- Wednesday, December 14 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; Cardio Clinic 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (please call the COA at 508-758-4110 for details or to make an appointment); Lunch with Kindergarten 12:00 noon; Bingo 1:00 pm;

- Thursday, December 15 – Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Price-Rite 9:30 am;

- Friday, December 16 – Shaw's Trip 8:30 am; Weight Training 9:30 am; Medical Estate Planning Presentation 1:00 pm; Soul Friends Community Chorus 3:30 pm in COA rooms.

Brick Church Fair

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will participate in the Old Time Holiday Celebration Event by celebrating its annual "Brick Church Fair" on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Featured will be Crafters, Baked Goods, Cranberries, Cookies, Cheese, Chance Auctions and more. A Lobster Roll Luncheon (hot dogs, too) will be served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The church is located at 34 Center Street, Fairhaven. Please use the William Street entrance. For more information, please call 993-3368.

Rochester Bike Auction

The Rochester Police Department will be auctioning off 15 bicycles that were found and never claimed by the owners. The selection includes touring, mountain, and BMX bicycles. The auction will be held at the Rochester Police Station located at 29 Dexter Lane at 9:00 am on Saturday December 10, rain or shine.

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ORR Holiday Concert

The ORR Junior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 pm in the ORR Junior High School Auditorium. The junior high school concert will include the Chorus, Concert Band, and Jazz Big Band. This holiday's concert performances will feature the great talent that our tri-town music programs provide. This annual event, sponsored by the Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM), promises to be an evening of joyful holiday music. Admission is free and poinsettia plant raffle tickets will also be available. All are invited to attend.



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Rochester Scholarship Committee

The Rochester Scholarship Committee was established in 1996 for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy Rochester senior high school college bound students.

Residents of Rochester have the opportunity to donate money toward this fund. When residents receive their real estate tax bill this month, there will be a yellow insert in the envelope for donations. Donations may also be mailed directly to the Rochester Town Hall, ATTN: Scholarship Committee.

The committee has been successful in prior years rewarding at least two scholarships per year and they encourage residents to continue their generosity to allow this endeavor to continue.

Marion Holiday Luncheon

A Holiday Luncheon is planned for Saturday December 10 at the Marion Congregational Church Community Center from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The menu will include: hot chicken salad, cranberry-pineapple gelatin

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Marion Holiday Tour

Winter Whimsy is the theme for the 19th Annual Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club scheduled for Saturday December 10 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine. Bring your imagination and childhood winter fantasies as you wander through the village of Marion and surrounding area.

The tour begins at Handy's Tavern at 152 Front Street in Marion where you will exchange your ticket for a brochure and tour map. The brochure will serve as your entry pass for each home while the map will guide you through Marion. The Tavern will be decorated to evoke whimsical fantasies of winter wonderlands; some vignettes will include animation. Enjoy a cup of Wassail before you continue on your adventure.

The Holiday House Tour boasts five homes, both historic and new, which have been professionally decorated for the season. The design specialists include Chad Michael Peters of Mattapoissett, Faith Paulson of Marion, several homeowners as well as Madeline Cooke of Ash-



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Complete your adventure at this Royal Barry Wills house, which includes an addition by architect William Saltonstall and Marion contractor, Thomas Gibbs. This charming home contains many unique features such as the Edgartown streetlight and chandeliers from Rothchilds of New Orleans. The family room, a part of the new addition, has built-ins, which highlight the owner's large collection of Nantucket Baskets.

End your day in Marion with a visit to the elegant holiday tea, which is included in the ticket price. While wandering through Marion, you may want to visit the Marion Art Center to view the exhibit of Photos, Diaries and Letters of Cecil Clark Davis, or stop at the Marion Garden Discussion Group's Holiday sale at Saint Gabriel's Parish Hall. The Historical Society will also be open for visitors and lunch will be available at the First Congregational Church.

Proceeds collected from the tour are used to provide scholarship awards to Marion students. Advance tickets are \$15 and available at the Marion General Store, Isabelle's and the Bookstall in Marion or at the Barefoot Contessa in Mattapoisett. On the day of the tour, tickets are \$18 and are available at Coldwell Banker Hayes Real Estate Office at 150 Front Street next to Handy's Tavern or at Saint Gabriel's Parish Hall in Marion.

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- Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm: Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 pm: Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

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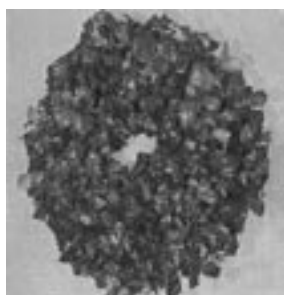
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The Rochester Fire Department is in the process of updating the burning permit procedure. If your permit was issued before October 1, 2005, you must go to the Rochester Communications Center (located in the Rochester Police Station on Dexter Lane) and obtain a new Fire Permit Number. All permits will expire one year from the date of issue.

You must have a valid Fire Permit for the following:

- Residential Open Burning Season (January 15, 2006 through May 1, 2006);
- Agricultural Burning; and
- Cooking Fires.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call 508-763-2611, extension 103.

Sippican Seniors Party

A Holiday Party for Sippican Seniors will take place on Friday, December 9 at the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion. The cost is \$10 and includes a buffet of ham and chicken served at 12:30 pm, with Happy Hour from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please bring a donation for the gift table. Tickets are now available from Natalie Sullivan by calling 508-748-1467.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

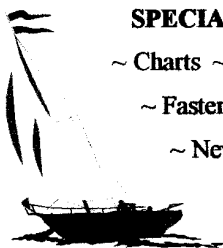
The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will have their Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 8. Mr. Stan Ellis and the Old Hammondtown School Band of fourth, fifth and sixth graders will entertain after the luncheon. The program is called "Name These Carols." Members are invited to join the club for holiday cheer beginning at 11:30 am at Reynard Hall and reservations are required. Please call Lois at 508-758-4949. The \$15 buffet, catered by Harriet's of Marion, was such a tasty success it has been brought back again this year. A reminder from Mr. Ellis: Thursday soda can collection from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the Old Hammondtown School parking lot has been revived.

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- December 11 – Family Sunday - Paul Harrison, Brunch;
- December 18 – Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm (no morning service); and
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 pm with Reverend Dr. Kathy Gayoski.

NOTE: There will be no service on Christmas Day. The Congregation wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Elizabeth Taber Library

Christmas Vacation

Monday and Wednesday, December 26 and 28, are Drop-In Activity Days. Learn about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa while making menorahs and Kwanzaa place-mats with materials available in the Children's Room during regular library hours.

Tuesday, December 28 at 1:30 pm: the Elizabeth Taber Library will celebrate Christmas for the Birds. Children ages 3 to 8 can hear stories of the season and create treats for the winter birds. Please register for this program by calling or stopping by the library.

Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30, children of all ages can create "thank you" note paper and get hints on writing great "thank yous" with materials

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Every Saturday and Sunday during the winter are Drop-In Crafts Days in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

Join Ms. Marsha for Family Storytime, a program for all ages, at 10:30 am on the second Saturday of January, February, March and April. There will be stories, songs, games and crafts. No registration is required; just come and enjoy a good time with your family.

Tales for Twos, a 10-week series of storytimes for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months runs from January 11 through March 15, 2006. The half-hour of stories, fingerplays, and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am with the possibility of a Friday session also. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2006 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Marsha Rehkamp at mrehkamp@sailsinc.org.

Winter Storytime for children between the ages of three and five begins the week of January 9, 2006 and runs through the week of March 13, 2006. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is **508-748-1252**. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/marion.

Mattapoisett Christmas Luncheon

The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly will host a Christmas Luncheon for the Mattapoisett Seniors on Thursday, December 8 at 12:00 noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. They will have entertainment as well as good food. You must pick up a free ticket from the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) office in Center School. Their phone number is 508-758-4110. Hope to see you all there!

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If you have any stories or other pictures of the Rochester Grange they are also looking for them. Many remember the Minstrel Shows, dances and the many other activities that were held at the Rochester Grange. That includes graduating from the eighth grade on their stage. These are all part of local history and it is hoped that these stories can be put together for others to read and enjoy. For more information, please contact Grange President Susan LaFleur at 508-295-8908, or email her at sash48@earthlink.net.

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ORR Financial Aid Night

The ORR Guidance Department will sponsor the Annual Financial Aid Information Night on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm in the ORR Auditorium. Parents of ORR seniors should make every effort to attend this most important and informative presentation.

Financial aid is a critical issue for all students contemplating post-secondary education. Students may qualify for aid for further education at a trade/technical school, community college, junior college, or four-year college or university. All families are encouraged to apply for financial aid. It is almost impossible to predict how this process may affect the students and the decisions which need to be made in the next few months. The financial aid process has changed and may be handled differently from one college to another.

Filling out the forms correctly can eliminate delays which might jeopardize aid packages. The financial aid forms will be available at this meeting and will then be available in the Guidance Office during school hours. Each family, however, will be issued only one copy of the forms due to supply limitation.

The program will be presented by the Mass Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). The Guidance Department and Administrators urge seniors and their parents to set aside the evening of Tuesday, December 13. Information on local scholarships will also be available at this time. All ORR counselors will be in attendance and

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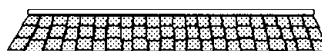
coffee will be served. Please contact the ORR High School guidance office at 508-758-3745 if you have any questions.

Rochester Land Trust

Please join the Rochester Land Trust and Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game on Sunday, December 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall in Rochester. They are meeting to thank and honor George and Katherine Church for protecting 163 acres along the Mattapoissett River. They will have refreshments, hear talks of old Rochester, learn about a new study of the Mattapoissett River and have time to talk to friends and neighbors. Please call Susan Adams at 508-763-3971 for more information.

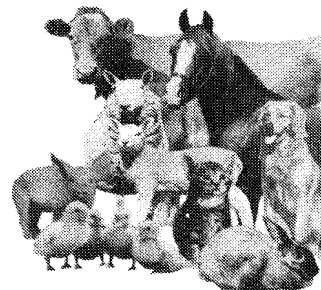
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Sippican Lands Trust

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Tri-County Music Fest

The Old Rochester Regional High School Chorus cordially invites area senior citizens to the Tri-County Choral Music Festival, Directed by Tianxu Zhou, to be held on Saturday, January 14 at 2:00 pm in the Guilbert A. Sullivan Auditorium at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett. Tickets are \$5 per person, with a special senior discount of \$2.50. Tickets will be available at the door.

Cans for Bands

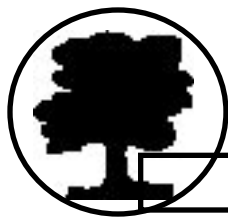
Cans for Bands has returned to Old Hammond-town School in Mattapoisett on Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in school's side parking lot. The drive will continue every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm to collect cans and bottles throughout the school year. "I hope that this will be a more convenient time for everyone interested in helping out the instrumental music program at OHS," said Band Director Stan Ellis. Please bring in your cans and bottles to help the school's young musicians.

Voice of the Faithful

The SouthCoast Affiliate Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) will be meeting on Thursday, December 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 103 Marion Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett. The guest speaker will be Reverend Jack Rathschmidt, OFM, CAP, from the Order of Friars Minor of the Capuchin Branch. Reverend Rathschmidt will speak on the subject titled "Being

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Responsible Catholics." A prayer service in celebration of the Advent Season will follow. Anyone interested in what VOTF is about and what VOTF is accomplishing is most welcome to attend. For more information, please look at VOTF's website at www.votf.org, or e-mail wsbamb@verizon.net. All are welcome!

Fairhaven Memorial Service

Community Nurse and Hospice Care invites members of the community to a memorial service on December 8 at 7:00 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 16 Temple Place in Fairhaven. Each year members of the community gather to support families and friends who have lost a loved one. The memorial service, in its eighth

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Rochester Property Inspections

The Rochester Board of Assessors is notifying property owners that inspectors are now conducting property inspections throughout the town in 2005-2006. The inspection program conforms to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) requirement for the full measuring and listing of real property in town.

Inspections are conducted by authorized representatives of the Board of Assessors. The inspector will notify the property owner of his/her presence on the property when arriving on the premises. Each inspector will have a letter of identification and an ID badge from the Board of Assessors. The Rochester Police Department is notified each day when inspectors are active. Inspections will be made on both weekdays and weekends.

Property owners who are present when inspectors arrive are encouraged to participate in the inspection. The objective of the program is to ensure that property descriptions in the Assessors' Records are as current and accurate as possible. Property owners' cooperation with the inspection will assist in meeting the program's objective.

Property owners with questions about the inspection program are encouraged to call the Rochester Board of Assessors at 508-763-5250.

Fairhaven Tree Benefit

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Expressing his gratitude for the Christmas Tree Sale, James Heywood, founder of ALS TDF said: "This is a great way to help ALS TDF and move forward the work we are doing for all ALS patients. It never ceases to amaze me that people already dealing with so much in their lives can show a commitment to helping others. We are truly grateful for the Douglass' support." In its first four years the tree sale has raised approximately \$50,000 for ALS TDF which has directly supported their efforts to identify



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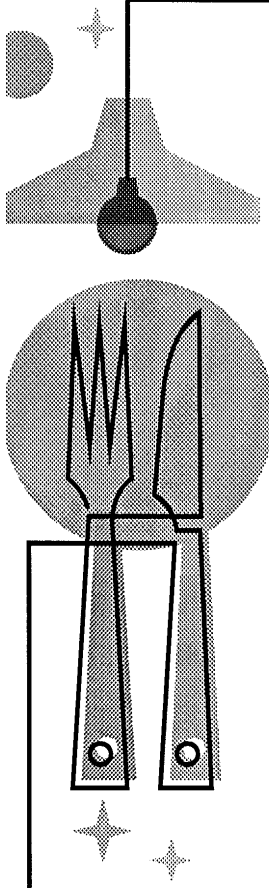
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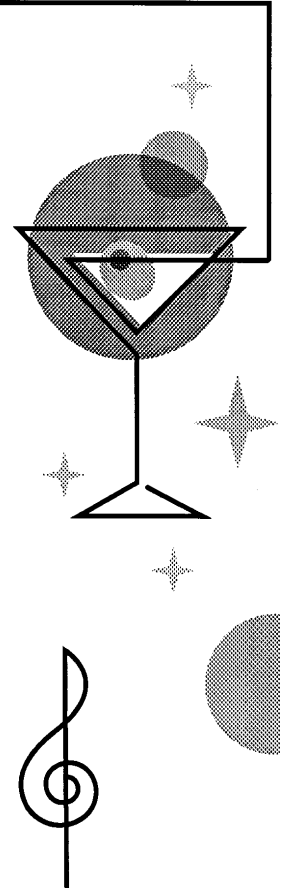
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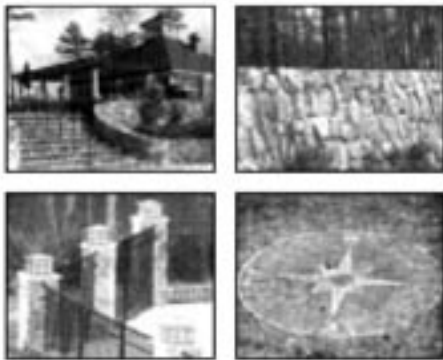
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The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Marion holds regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8:00 pm. Due to the rising cost of fuel, the Board of Directors meeting is changed to be held at 7:30 pm in the evening of the second Monday for the winter months. All members are urged to attend. Eligible veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf, Kosovo, Iraq and Arghanistan may call “Gabby” McWilliams at 508-295-9558 for more information.

Rochester Flag Photos

Photos from the Rochester Country Fair's unfurling of the American Flags with the National Flag Truck are now available. The Rochester Country Fair hired Rochester resident Richard Manny of Through the Lens Photography to capture these memorable town photos taken from above, in bucket trucks donated by Barnes Tree Service and Beacon Rentals. Several different photos are available to choose from ... stop by Bev Loves Books located in the Plumb Corner Mall to see them for yourself. Pictures are available in three different sizes: 8x10 (\$20); 5x7 (\$10); and 4x6 (\$4). All proceeds will benefit the Rochester Country Fair.

Bourne Wareham Art Show

The Bourne Wareham Art Association would like to invite all art lovers to attend an artist's show and sale at the Wareham Free Library now through December 29, 2005. The show will be opened during regular library hours. A portion of the sale will be donated to The Friends of the Wareham Free Library Fund.



The Bourne Wareham Art Association is now into its 42nd year, and has over 60 members who live and paint locally. Do not miss this opportunity to purchase an original work of art as a special holiday gift!

Marion Art Center

Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center opened last Friday and continues until December 23. Over 100 people attended the gala event. Music was provided by Truman Terrell on the piano. Elegant hors d'oeuvres were donated by members of the Exhibition Committee. The items featured in the one-of-a-kind show and sale include shell-decorated mini trees by Mary Ross, holiday botanical gardens with paperwhites or amaryllis bulbs created by Sarah Brown, Liz Howland and M.T. Barr plus shell ornaments by Cathryn Collings, Alice Shire and Cathryn Wood to benefit the Art Center.

Unique embellished jackets, belts and Nantucket handbags by Fruit Punch Designs, created by Pam Pettit Lofblad, plus elegantly detailed sweat shirts, scarves and Christmas stockings by Elizabeth Howland as well as doll clothes make up the fiber arts collection. Five jewelers are represented: Sophia Arnfield, Lissa Magauran, Kim Field, Sherri Panek, and Diana Taft. Each has a distinct style ranging from fresh water pearls to fine silver and semi-precious stones. Tiles, containers and vases by Kim Van-Voris and vessels by Wayne Fuerst make up the pottery

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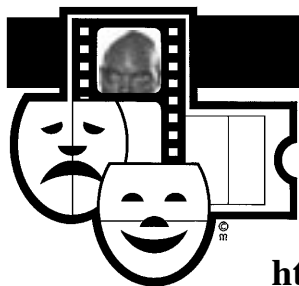
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MOVIE REVIEW

Girl Flight

By Rob Gonsalves
<http://robsreviews.cjb.net>



Aeon Flux. Starring Charlize Theron and Marton Csokas. Directed by Karyn Kusama. Running time: 93 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

Inaugurated as part of the trippy *Liquid Television* block of MTV in the early '90s, Peter Chung's *Aeon Flux* sped along stylishly and plotlessly. In its first short segments, the angular and deadly Aeon died at the end of every clip. Art objects in and of themselves, watchable in any order, the expanded 1995 episodes brazenly ignored any sense of continuity. Chung's aesthetic — anime by way of Egon Schiele — couldn't be more different from that of Karyn Kusama, who wrote and directed the intimate independent film *Girlfight* five years ago. A gritty drama about a girl (Michelle Rodriguez) with deep anger that found expression in the boxing ring — and worth ten of the mawkish *Million Dollar Baby* — the movie found power in closely observed details like crude Magic-Marked signs in the gym, or overattended parties in neat but tacky homes.

I can't think of a good reason that we are now looking at Karyn Kusama's *Aeon Flux*, other than Kusama's previously stated jones to make a sci-fi flick, and the cosmetic connection of two-fisted feminism. On the evidence, Kusama is far better at evoking the real world than at creating a new one, and she's absolute rubbish at big action scenes. In her hands — or, rather, in the oafish hands of screenwriters Phil Hay and Matt Manfredi — *Aeon Flux* becomes this year's *Matrix* wannabe, and less intelligent and enjoyable than MTV's other transplant to the big screen, *Beavis and Butt-Head Do America*. (*B&B-H* creator Mike Judge once said that the studio wanted a live-action *Beavis and Butt-Head* movie, with Adam Sandler and David Spade. That studio exec finally got his/her wish with *Aeon Flux*, which should've been an animated feature.)

Charlize Theron's Aeon Flux looks sensational in an early scene, wearing a veil that doubles as a cowl; the effect is both elegant and pulpy, like Gayle Hunnicutt's cat-suited, masked heroine in Georges Franju's *Shadowman*. Aeon curls tongues with a man in the street, receiving a mouth-to-mouth pill that takes her into a headspace meeting with a fright-wigged Frances McDormand. The unexplained freakiness of this is true to the tone of Chung's toon, though nothing else is. Aeon is on a mission to take down



Trevor Goodchild (Marton Csokas), the leader of a sterile, oppressive city circa 2415, where a surviving five million people live walled off from nature and are subject to periodic disappearances. The relationship between Aeon and Trevor lacks the gnarled complexity of the animated series, and is rather too neatly capped by an underwhelming plot twist.

After *Girlfight*, which painted a picture with nary a white face without making a big point of it, how could Kusama be satisfied with a movie in which the pale, almost Aryan heroine (she even has a Hitler 'do at times) teams up with a black sidekick (Sophie Okonedo) who has hands where her feet should be — like a monkey? This sidekick also betrays Aeon due to a misunderstanding caused by Trevor's scheming brother Ören (Jonny Lee Miller) — you just can't get good help these days. *Aeon Flux* has its show-stoppers, like a field of razor-sharp grass, but overall the script doesn't even try to duplicate Chung's art-school ingenuity. The cartoon was intended, in part, as a parody of empty, self-resolving action blowouts; Paramount, perversely or perhaps spitefully, has returned *Aeon Flux* to what it once transcended.

Maybe Charlize Theron wanted to glam up and kick ass. But she doesn't have Aeon's slinky physique — no actress does — so she just runs through her paces, sustaining a highly publicized spine trauma in the process, and for what? To become yet another femme action figure in a dumbed-down Saturday-night flick for teenagers? There isn't a hint of the actress who earned her Oscar for *Monster* in this blank performance (Theron has been better even in such crap as *Trapped* and *The Astronaut's Wife*). She's about the only eye candy on the screen; with ready-made storyboards from the show, the movie opts for schlock-deco architecture and uninspired costuming. By the time poor Pete Postlethwaite shows up in an outfit that makes him look like a pink raisin in a pickle jar, *Aeon Flux* has traded Peter Chung's iconoclastic incomprehensibility for big-studio incomprehensibility. Guns go off, stuff blows up, and Karyn Kusama's voice, so loud and strong in *Girlfight*, gets drowned out — hopefully not forever.

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 Syriana (R) – 12:50, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
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 Yours, Mine and Ours (PG) – 12:00, 2:10, 4:15, 6:55, 9:00
 Just Friends (PG-13) – 12:40, 3:05, 5:05, 7:25, 9:25
 Walk the Line (PG-13) – 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55
 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) – 12:15, 12:45, 3:30, 4:00, 6:50, 7:05, 9:50
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 Chicken Little (G) – 12:30, 2:45, 4:45
 Yours, Mine and Ours (PG) – 12:25, 2:35, 4:50, 6:50, 9:00
 Rent (PG-13) – 1:00, 3:55, 7:10, 9:50
 Aeon Flux (PG-13) – 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:20, 9:25
 Walk the Line (PG-13) – 12:50, 3:50, 7:05, 9:50
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 Pride and Prejudice (PG) – Fri: 3:25, 6:35, 9:05; Sat: 12:25, 3:25, 6:35, 9:05; Sun: 12:25, 3:25, 6:35; Mon-Thu: 3:25, 6:35
 The Dying Gaul (R) – Fri: 3:45, 6:40, 9:00; Sat: 12:55, 3:45, 6:40, 9:00; Sun: 12:55, 3:45, 6:40; Mon-Thu: 3:45, 6:40
 Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) – Fri: 3:35, 6:55, 8:50; Sat: 12:45, 3:35, 6:55, 8:50; Sun: 12:45, 3:35, 6:55; Mon-Thu: 3:35, 6:55
 Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress (NR) – Fri: 3:55, 6:50, 9:05; Sat: 12:35, 3:55, 6:50, 9:05; Sun: 12:35, 3:55, 6:50; Mon-Thu: 3:55, 6:50

artists. Mr. Fuerst also makes cards out of dried flowers in hand-made paper. There are quilts by Stephanie Walenski, wall hangings by Deborah Kuhlmon-Hussey, and whimsical handbags by Nancy Alexander. Hand-painted bowls, cake plates and other pieces are done by Carol Cudahy.

Fused glass by Penny Faich, suncatchers by Guilday Glass, glass ornaments and wall pieces by Michele Lapointe-Morris and Laura Taft add sparkle to the installation. Sailors' Valentines by Jane Chase, giclee prints by Mike Mazer, photographs by Ben McCormick and Veronique Bale, original paintings by Sarah Brown, shell wreaths by Madeline Cooke and other decorations by Barn Door Designs adorn the walls of both galleries at the Art Center. Books by Peter Stone, Anne Converse and Camie Ford are also available.

The Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center is open Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm until December 23. The Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion and admission is free.

Hand-Cut Silhouettes

Carol Lebeaux returns to the Marion Art Center to create heirloom quality Hand-Cut Silhouettes on Saturday, December 10 all day. Prices for these unique portraits start at \$29. Frames and mats will also be available for purchase at that time. Please call the Center to reserve a time for a sitting at 508-748-1266. This event is in conjunction with the Sippican Women's Club Annual House Tour.

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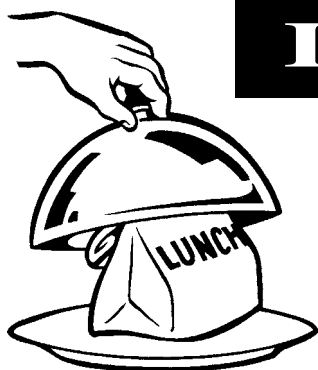
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• ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, December 13: Macaroni and cheese, turkey sandwich, sweet green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 14: Popcorn chicken, bologna sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 15: Hot dog, ham sandwich, baked potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 16: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 12: Turkey ham with raisin sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, peas, multi-grain roll, mandarin oranges in light syrup.

Tuesday, December 13: Pea soup, pork pattie with apple gravy, California blend vegetables, oatmeal bread, banana.

Wednesday, December 14: American chop suey, wax green beans, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit in light syrup.

Thursday, December 15: Stuffed boneless chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, Harvard beets, snowflake roll, eclair, graham wafer.

Friday, December 16: Baked fish with newburg sauce, parslies whipped potatoes,

mixed vegetables, white bread, butterscotch pudding, sugar-free pudding.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPoisett

Monday, December 12: Chicken pattie on a roll, ham and cheese wrap or pocket, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, fresh apple, milk.

Tuesday, December 13: Beef taco, lettuce/tomato, cheese, chicken fajita, nachos, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes.

Wednesday, December 14: Penne pasta chicken parmesan, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 15: Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, broccoli and cheddar soup, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 16: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, December 12: Build a chicken sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 13: Spaghetti with meat sauce, sweet green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 14: Italian cold cut sub, potato chips, carrot/celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 15: Hot dog, baked fries, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 16: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, December 12: Chicken pattie on a roll, ham and cheese wrap or pocket, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, fresh apple, milk.

Tuesday, December 13: Beef taco, lettuce/tomato, cheese, chicken fajita, nachos, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes.

Wednesday, December 14: Penne pasta chicken parmesan, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 15: Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, broccoli and cheddar soup, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 16: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 12: Chicken nuggets, French fries, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, fruit.

Tuesday, December 13: American chop suey, green beans, garlic bread, fruit crisp.

Wednesday, December 14: Chicken quesadilla, hot pocket, potato puffs, carrots, strawberry chiffon.

Thursday, December 15: Salisbury steak, baked sausage, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, roll, fruit.

Friday, December 16: Seafood salad, pizza, potato chips, mixed vegetables, chilled fruit.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPoisett

Monday, December 12: Chicken pattie on a roll, ham and cheese wrap or pocket, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, fresh apple, milk.

Tuesday, December 13: Beef taco, lettuce/tomato, cheese, chicken fajita, nachos, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes.

Wednesday, December 14: Penne pasta chicken parmesan, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 15: Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, broccoli and cheddar soup, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 16: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

• OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JR. AND SR. HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 12: Chicken pattie on a roll, ham and cheese wrap or pocket, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, fresh apple, milk.

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Wednesday, December 14: Penne pasta chicken parmesan, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, mixed fruit, milk.

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Friday, December 16: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

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Tuesday, December 13: Beef taco, lettuce/tomato, cheese, chicken fajita, nachos, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes.

Wednesday, December 14: Penne pasta chicken parmesan, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 15: Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickle spear, broccoli and cheddar soup, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 16: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

50th Anniversary

The Marion Art Center is planning to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2007. Thanks to support from many people in southeastern New England, the center continues to fulfill its mission of promoting the visual and performing arts through exhibitions, plays, musicals, concerts, lectures, classes lessons and by supporting cultural and civic events in the community. Membership is open to the public. For more information, please call 508-748-1266 or check out the website at www.marionartcenter.org.

Rochester Toys for Tots

Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester will be having it's seventh annual Toys For Tots drive. Mayflower Bank, Hair and Body Solution and Bev Loves Books will be taking new unwrapped toys through December 10. Give the gift of joy to children less fortunate in the area. Plumb Corner Mall is on Route 105 in Rochester. Please call 508-763-5503 for information or directions. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Weekly Kindergarten Lunches

Mattapoissett Seniors are invited to come out of the cold and join the COA every Wednesday at 12:00 noon for lunch with the Center School Kindergarteners. The menu choices are listed in *The Wanderer* Lunch Menus every week. Please notify the COA by Tuesday morning if you wish to attend. Cost is a \$2 donation. Please call



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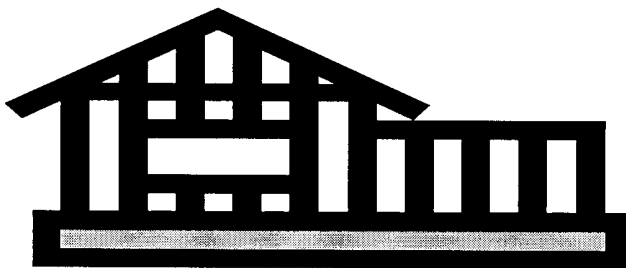
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INNER VIEWS

Off the Mark, Everyday

By Kenneth J. Souza
news@wanderer.com

Those who grew up with Gary Larson's since-retired *The Far Side* single-panel comic series have to appreciate Massachusetts' own **Mark Parisi** for carrying on the fine tradition of quick-witted humor that is always short, sweet and to the point. Taking his cue from the adage that a single picture — or in his case, a single drawing — can be worth 1,000 words, Mr. Parisi delivers time and again with his long-running series *off the mark*, which has been proudly featured in *The Wanderer* for many years.

Although he claims to have been drawing cartoons "since (he) could hold a pencil," the Gloucester, MA native finally caught his big break in 1987 when *off the mark* was first published.

"I experimented with character strips, but I never really got the knack," Mr. Parisi said. "Gary Larson was certainly a big influence and the success of *The Far Side* really prompted me to give (single-panel cartoons) a shot."

Of course, there are pros and cons to doing a one-panel regular cartoon series. Granted, you only have to draw and ink one illustration ... but then again, you're limited to delivering a visual joke with a single image and short caption.

"My mind seemed to work (better) with a one-shot panel than a comic strip," Mr. Parisi admitted. "I kept trying to write jokes (for the comic strips), but this came more naturally to me."

And just where does he get his often quirky ideas?

"Sometimes I'm lucky and I'll just see something that will trigger an idea," Mr. Parisi said. "Sometimes it will just start with (an idea) like I want to do something about how small cell phones are getting ... and I take it from there."

As a longtime fan of Mr. Parisi's work, I'll readily confess that it is his often-dark, sometimes-twisted sense of humor that I most identify with. A personal favorite of mine was the image of a man brushing his teeth alongside the Grim Reaper, who's doing the same. The punchline: 7:38, *Thursday morning. Clyde Belmont has a brush with Death.*

In addition to the aforementioned Gary Larson, Mr. Parisi also cites *Peanuts* creator Charles Schulz as a major influence, and the slightly askew paraodies found in *Mad Magazine*.

"I was very into *Mad Magazine*," Mr. Parisi said. "I just liked the whole counterculture attitude of it."

Now widely syndicated through United Features, Mr. Parisi's *off the mark* is produced from his home studio in



Melrose, MA, where he works nearly everyday on ideas and drawings.

"I generally write on Monday and Tuesday, draw it on Wednesday, ink it on Thursday, and play golf on Friday," Mr. Parisi said. "I don't have a (strict) system, really."

Years of producing both a black-and-white daily cartoon series and a color Sunday panel have ballooned into a veritable one-man industry, and Mr. Parisi's *off the mark* can now be seen on t-shirts, greeting cards, books, and even an annual page-a-day calendar. In fact, when the company which previously produced the *off the mark* calendar went out of business, our parent company, Wanderer Communications, agreed to publish the 2006 calendar for Mr. Parisi — if only to ensure that everyone here in *The Wanderer* office would continue to have an *off the mark* calendar on their desks.

Those interested in purchasing the new 2006 *off the mark* calendar or any other Mark Parisi products can do so via his website (www.offthemark.com). Calendars may also be purchased through our website (www.wanderer.com) or in

our office at 55 County Road, Mattapoisett..

Mark Parisi will also be doing an in-person calendar signing at the Old Company Store, 5 Elm Street in Wareham, on Sunday, December 18 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.



the COA at 508-758-4110 for a ride, if needed. Seating is limited!

Fairhaven Blue Christmas

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will hold a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary at 34 Center Street, Fairhaven. This special worship service is designed to acknowledge the mixed emotions we may be experiencing at this time of year. Using comforting music and readings, as well as quiet time for reflection, we will seek the peace of God's presence while giving thanks for the wonderful miracle of the birth of the Christ Child. All are welcome to attend and to invite others for whom this service might be meaningful. Simple refreshments and a time for fellowship will follow the service. For more information, feel free to speak to Reverend McClure at 508-993-3368.

Rochester Historical Society

Gift Ideas

The Rochester Historical Society has a great selection of ideas for Christmas giving available at Bev Loves Books at the Plumb Corner Mall. The new cookbook, *Recipes from the Hearths of the Goodwives of Rochester*, the *Images of Rochester* book, and the *Tales of Old Rochester* are all great selections. You will find new Rochester t-shirts, sweat-shirts, hats and jean shirts as well as windchimes and suncatchers in a variety of patterns. Stop by for a visit.

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The following log highlights are for the week of November 27 through December 3, 2005:

- Point Road – animal complaint
- Old Indian Trail – medical emergency
- Front Street – assist other police department
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Spring Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, speeding, possession of Class E substance)
- Cranberry Highway – motor vehicle complaint
- Delano Road – lost property
- Main Street – assist other police department
- Register Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Indian Cove Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Park Street – disturbance
- Barros Drive – suspicious person
- Front Street – order of protection
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Farm Road – trespassing
- Front Street – officer wanted

- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Point Road – vandalism/past
- Cross Neck Road – vandalism/past
- Front Street – larceny/past
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Lewis Street – animal complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log highlights are for the week of November 27 through December 3, 2005:

- County Road – suspicious persons
- Church Street – civil complaint
- North Street – brush fire
- Jane Lane – safety/road hazard
- Tinkham Hill Road – property lost
- Hammond Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Reservation Road – vandalism
- Rebello Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Brandt Island Road – animal control
- Marion Road – disorderly person
- Ridge Avenue – burglary/breaking and entering into structure
- West Hill Road – unwanted person
- Ned's Point Road – suspicious activity
- Shaw Street – structure fire
- Acushnet Road – officer wanted
- Marion Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Cannon Street – officer wanted
- Holly Lane – animal control
- North Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Driscoll Lane – medical assist
- Homestead Court – notification
- Route 195 East – car fire
- Fairhaven Road – general disturbance.

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The following log highlights are for the week of November 29 through December 6, 2005:

- Hartley Road – highway matter
- Pine Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Rounseville Road – assist other agency
- Snipatuit Road – breaking and entering/past
- Rounseville Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Walnut Plain Road – structure fire
- Sarah Sherman Road – officer wanted
- Snipatuit Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- North Avenue – animal control
- Dexter Lane – domestic disturbance
- Marion Road – trespassing
- Marion Road – officer wanted
- Hartley Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Negus Way – structure fire
- Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Walnut Plain Road – breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Robinson Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- North Avenue – disturbance
- Bradford Lane – vandalism
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Negus Way – structure fire
- Marion Road – adult arrest (reckless operation of motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor)
- Robinson Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Road – domestic disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic)
- Dexter Lane – adult arrest (warrant, suspended license).

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Preservation is serious business and no one takes the business of preserving more seriously than the Rochester Historical Society. So when you come across anything Rochester-related — from a receipt for town taxes to a journal by great-grandma — please give their team a call. The giving of a gift, a loan or just a chance to copy these finds for their archives would be greatly appreciated. For all your paper discoveries, please call Librarian Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908. For anything else, please call Curator Pam Robinson at 508-763-2035. "Rochester's past is a treasure we can't afford to lose."

Shirts and Hats

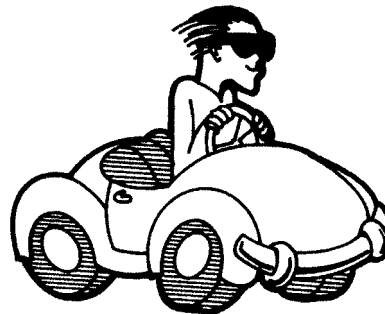
Rochester Embroidered Shirts and hats are still for sale at Bev Loves Books in the Plumb Corner Mall. Jean Shirts are \$32, sweatshirts are \$28, tee shirts are \$15, and hats are \$15.

Sippican Lands Trust

The Sippican Lands Trust will host a Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) Duck Walk (or waddle) on December 18 at 3:00 pm. Join Jo-Ann Watson and other SLT members as they look for rafts of winter ducks and seals that come to

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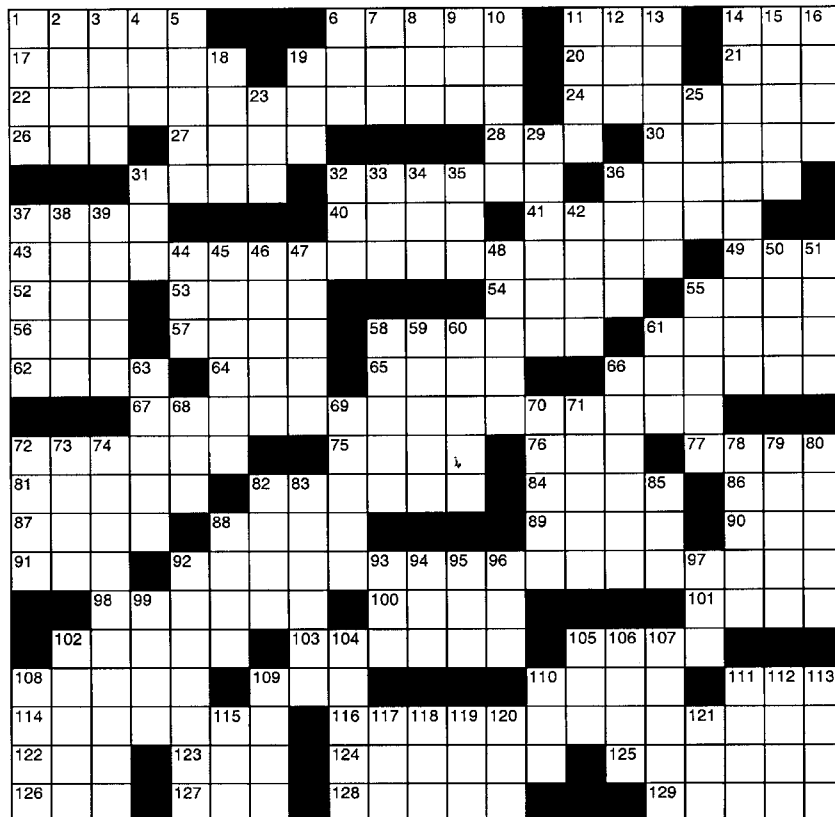
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel that you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do Gemini energies. But try to pace yourself so you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a longtime relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might not know all the facts behind an unwelcome development, so keep that Scorpion temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reinforce relationships -- family, friends, colleagues -- that might have been overlooked in recent years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted a bit. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to his or her moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer? Good luck.

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Office Hours

The Mattapoisett Town Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on the first and third Tuesday of the month until 6:00 pm.

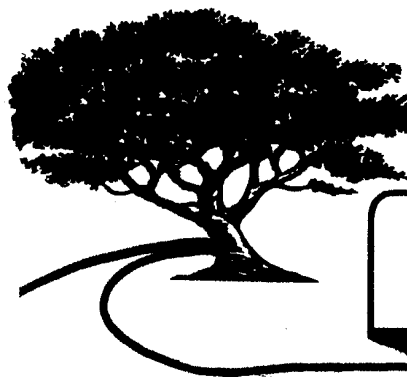
Mooring Inspections

If your mooring number is between A001 and G045 it must be inspected and the form turned into the Town Clerk's office before your payment for 2006 will be accepted. Letters were sent out in July along with the necessary form to be filled out and signed. Please take note on the form, any upgrades to the mooring and tackle must first be pre-approved and signed by the Harbormaster. If you did not receive this form and your mooring number is between the two mentioned please call the Clerk's office at 508-758-4103 or stop by and we will see that you get one.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE #580 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 29, 2005 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Cameron and Jean Fordyce for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow construction above an existing kitchen for a small office and storage closet.

The property, located at 13 Aucoot Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as Lot 13. Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/08, 12/15

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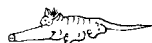
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Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 21, 2005.

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Antassawamock Club, Inc.

Caroline L. Megan, Secretary 12/08, 12/15



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Each week we will give away an Aardvark Gift and each month we give away a special Aardvark Gift Basket to one lucky person. All you have to do to enter is find the Aardvark! The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down page 80 as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Deadline for each week is 5pm on the Wednesday after the date of publication. All entries must be dated or postmarked on or before that Wednesday.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Since 1900, only three players have recorded 1,000 hits before they played in their 700th major-league game. One is Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who did it in 2005. Who are the other two players?
2. Name the three teams that have been in at least one World Series but have yet to win it.
3. Who holds the NFL record for consecutive games scoring points?
4. Who was the last player before Louisiana Tech's Paul Millsap in 2003-04 and 2004-05 to lead NCAA Division I men's basketball in rebounding two consecutive seasons?
5. True or false: Mario Lemieux scored a goal in his first NHL game.
6. Name either of the two men to win the U.S. hammer throw championship nine times each since 1900.
7. In 1995, Steve Elkington set a record for lowest final-round score by a PGA Championship winner. What did he shoot?

Answers

1. Chuck Klein did it in his 683rd game in 1933, and Lloyd Waner accomplished it in his 686th game in 1932.
2. The Houston Astros, Milwaukee Brewers and San Diego Padres.
3. Entering the 2005 season, kicker Morten Andersen had scored at least one point in 332 games.
4. Kermit Washington of American University in the 1971-72 and 1972-73 seasons.
5. True -- he had a goal and an assist in Pittsburgh's loss to Boston.
6. Hal Connolly (1955-61, 1964-65) and Lance Deal (1989, 1993-96, 1998-2000, 2002).
7. Elkington shot a 64.

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TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What is the English translation of the French "hotel-dieu"?
2. BUSINESS: Which company's original slogan was "Think"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States?
4. HISTORY: In what year did the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan take place?
5. MUSIC: Who, in 1953, had a hit single called "(How Much Is) That Doggie in the Window"?
6. MOVIES: What was the name of the 1980 movie about country singer Loretta Lynn?
7. PERSONALITIES: What famous dancer was born in Independence, Mo., the same town where President Harry Truman grew up?
8. MYTHOLOGY: According to legend, which treacherous family member kills King Arthur?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was Vice President Spiro Agnew's home state?
10. TELEVISION: In what year did MTV make its debut?

Answers

1. Hospital
2. IBM
3. Russia
4. 1981
5. Patti Page
6. "Coal Miner's Daughter"
7. Ginger Rogers
8. Mordred
9. Maryland
10. 1981

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Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 10 and 17, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Enjoy a hot breakfast at the Bear's Den Cafe, meet Santa for a photo, and go on a Polar Express train ride, plus each child will receive a small gift. Prepayment and registration is required by calling 508-991-4556, extension 14. Cost is \$10 per person for members; \$15 per person for non-members; all children under 1 are free. Visit www.bpzoo.org.

Milk and Cookies with Santa

Have Milk and Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 10 and 17 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Enjoy milk and cookies at the Bear's Den Cafe, meet Santa for a photo, and go on a Polar Express train ride, plus each child will receive a small gift. Prepayment and registration is required by calling 508-991-4556, extension 14. Cost is \$6 per person for members; \$9 per person for non-members; all children under 1 are free. Visit www.bpzoo.org.

South Coast Community Chorale

The South Coast Community Chorale is offering free tickets for Senior Groups to a concert of holiday music, including Part One of Handel's *Messiah* and wonderful Christmas selections on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1598 South Main Street in Fall River. If your group would like to receive up to 10 free tickets, please call Kathy Thompson at 508-

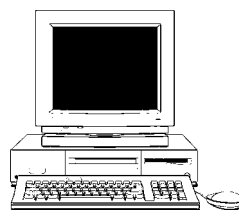


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Building a Healthy Community at Marion Family Chiropractic



Step into the reception room at Marion Family Chiropractic, and you will see something special is happening there. People are traveling from farther away for the high quality care they receive in Marion.

You will see a marathon runner from Warren, Rhode Island who hadn't been able to complete a number of marathons due to knee pain. Since being under chiropractic care, she now runs without pain, and has finished with her two personal best times. A co-worker told her it was worth the trip to Marion for the care she needs.

You will see a 60-something retiree from Wilton, New Hampshire who loves to travel the world. She visits Marion Family Chiropractic before and after trips to make sure she is feeling her best so she can take advantage of all the sightseeing opportunities her destinations provide.

You will see a family from Plymouth, Mass. who are bringing in their two small children to help them fight off colds this winter. Unlike many children, in the last two years, they have had only one mild cold.

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Items that are long overdue or have been considered lost by the library carry a maximum fine of \$2 per item. Patrons will be charged cover price for items that are no longer returnable to the collection.

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Quilters Wanted

The Plumb Memorial Library is seeking individuals who are interested in starting up a Quilter's Group at the library. All skill levels are invited. This group would meet at the library every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in conjunction with the well-established Knitter's Group. If you'd like to join or know someone who would be interested in participating, please contact the library at

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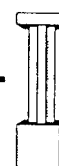
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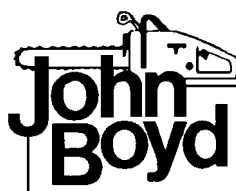
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December 20:	Tues.	10:53	11:26	3:45	4:31
December 21:	Wed.	11:34	...	4:32	5:12
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December 24:	Sat.	1:40	1:48	7:38	7:49
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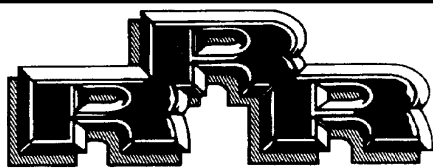
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